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the Spanish police authorities have discovered the existence of a black market in automobiles of foreign manufacture which has been flourishing for two years under the direction of Antonio del Cura, a dealer in automobiles, at Number 9 Calle Malasana in Madrid. Source states that the black market transactions are accomplished through forging import permits which are customarily issued by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the importation of automobiles from foreign countries. Reportedly, through this ring of black marketeers, which includes high officials of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Customs Department, 500 American cars have been brought into Spain. The Spanish police authorities, in their attempt to curb these black market activities, are encountering a great deal of opposition from government officials. According to source, the average price obtained for cars sold through del Cura was 400,000 pesetas each.

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